

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 5, 6, 8, 12-15 and 16B.

These sheets, which include Figs. 1, 5, 6, 8, 12-15 and 16B, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1, 5, 6, 8, 12-15 and 16B.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 remain active in this application, Claim 10 having been amended and Claims 1-9 and 11-12 canceled by the present Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action the title, the drawings and Claims 2-10 were objected to as including informalities requiring correction; Claims 2, 4, 6 and 7-10 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention; Claims 1, 3, 5, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson et al (US Patent No. 5,400,070); Claims 2, 4, 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson et al, in further view of Katoh et al (US Patent No. 5,561,460); and Claim 10 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, and in order to expedite issuance of a patent from the present application, Claim 10 has been amended to be in independent form, and Claims 1-9 and 11-12 have been canceled by the present Amendment.¹ Accordingly, only allowable Claim 10 remains pending in this application, and the grounds for rejection under 35 USC §102(b) and under 35 USC §103(a) are moot.

In response to the objection to the title, the title has been amended to better reflect the claimed invention. Accordingly, the objection to the title has been overcome.

In response to the objection to the specification, informalities uncovered in the specification have been corrected herewith. Accordingly, the objection to the specification is believed to have been overcome.


In response to the objection to the drawings, the drawings have been amended to correct the informalities noted, and submitted herewith are replacement drawings. Accordingly, the objection to the drawings is believed to have been overcome.

In response to the objection and rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, 2nd para., amended Claim 10 has been amended to clarify that the claimed invention includes "a plurality of movable element holding a plurality of lenses." Other minor changes have been made to promote consistency of terminology in Claim 10. No new matter has been added.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, each ground for objection or rejection is either moot or has been overcome, and no further issues are believed to be outstanding. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The cancellation of Claims 1-9 and 11-12 is without prejudice and subject to Applicants' right to file one or more continuation applications with claims broader than the allowable Claim 10.